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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 72

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 72—Relative to California Native American Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 72, as amended, Mendoza. California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference and California Native American Day.

This measure would recognize the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 28, 2007, and the annual California Cultural Awareness Conference to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California is home to more federally recognized
2 Indian tribes than any other state in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, The cultural and governmental contributions of
4 the native peoples of California have shaped the course for the
5 state throughout history; and

6 WHEREAS, California designated the fourth Friday of every
7 September as California Native American Day; and

8 WHEREAS, California Native American Day is celebrated in
9 this state by tribes and communities across the state, and is a day
10 for educators of California to teach factual California Indian history
11 in schools; and

12 WHEREAS, California Indian tribes are committed to
13 contributing to the educational curricula provided by the state and
14 believe in providing new and improved educational resources about
15 the varied cultural histories of, and governance models used by,
16 California Native Americans; and

17 WHEREAS, Since 1999, the San Manuel Band of Mission
18 Indians, in conjunction with the California State University at San
19 Bernardino, have conducted a program to share Native American
20 culture with the children and educators of San Bernardino County;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, This year the San Manuel Tribal Unity and Cultural
23 Awareness Program and the Santos Manuel Student Union at the
24 California State University at San Bernardino are cosponsors of a
25 five-day conference designed to enhance the awareness of and
26 discuss California Indian culture; and

27 WHEREAS, The California Indian Cultural Awareness
28 Conference will be held concurrently with California Native
29 American Day and will assist educators by providing new
30 educational resources regarding the rich and varied lives of the
31 California Indian Nations; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance
34 of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on
35 September 28, 2007, and the annual California Cultural Awareness
36 Conference to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian
37 culture; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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